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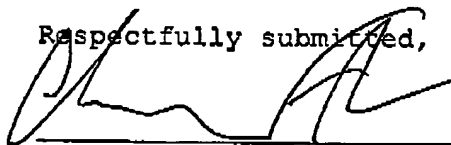
REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application and for indicating the allowability of the subject matter of dependent Claims 27-37 and 42-50. Independent Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent Claim 27, and independent Claim 38 has been amended to include the subject matter of dependent Claim 42. Claims 27, 32-37 and 42-47 have been canceled, and Claims 28-31 and 48-50 have been amended for consistency.

Accordingly, it is submitted that independent Claims 24 and 38 are patentable over the prior art. Their respective dependent claims, which recite yet further distinguishing features, are also patentable over the prior art and require no further discussion herein.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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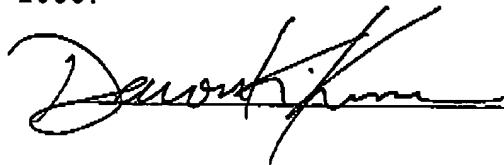
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